

Mint of the United States,
Jan. 15. 1840.

Sir,

I send, by the present mail, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be forwarded to you under his pack, a box containing one pair of dime, and one pair of half-dime dies, ~~for the present year~~. We shall continue to forward others, in the same way, until your Mint is fully supplied. As the loss of ^{any} these dies ~~might be followed by~~ might be a serious evil, I beg you to be particular in acknowledging their receipt. ~~Let me refer you~~ ~~Call your attention to~~ my letter of June 4, 1839, to your predecessor, will show you what ~~subject~~ the disposition is to be made of the dies of 1839 last year's dies.

I will thank you call the ~~would also~~ ~~Call your~~ particular attention, ~~and~~ that of your Coiner to the ~~following~~ to the exact measure which has been adopted for the diameters of the Coins. They are ~~fixed~~ as follows, in thousandths of the inch:

Diameter of the.	Half-dime	$\frac{500}{1000}$	<u>of an inch</u>
"	"	Dime	$\frac{700}{1000}$ <u>"</u>
"	"	Quarter-dollar	$\frac{950}{1000}$ <u>"</u>
"	"	Half-dollar	$1\frac{300}{1000}$ <u>"</u>
"	"	Quarter-eagle	$\frac{700}{1000}$ <u>"</u>
"	"	Half-eagle	$\frac{850}{1000}$ <u>"</u>

The allowance which should be made for the

expansion of the collar in hardening is for
the Half dollar — $\frac{5}{1000}$ of an inch

" Quarter dollar $\frac{3}{1000}$ " " "

" Half-eagle $\frac{3}{1000}$ " " "

that is, the collar, ^{should be} ~~now~~ turned ~~thus~~ much smaller
than their proper diameter, and are made right
by the expansion of the metal in hardening.
The allowance for the ~~above~~ half-dime, dime, and
quarter-eagle collar is too small for exact meas-
urement.

R.M.F.

To,

Gen. M. Kennedy,

Supr. Br. Mint,

New Orleans.

Esq.